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SUBJ: VISIT OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE
TO BAMAKO

1. DEC 10 EDITION OF L'ESSOR REPORTED ARRIVAL OF SAID ABD
AL RAHMAN MOHAMMED EL ABASSI, A PLO REPRESENTATIVE, FROM DAKAR.
EL ABASSI WAS DESCRIBED AS THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF YASSER ARAFAT
WHO WAS CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT TO PRESIDENT
MOUSSA TRAORE. EL ABASSI STATED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE
WOULD DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING A PLO BUREAU IN MALI.
EL ABASSI ARRIVED ON 7 DECEMBER AND DEPARTED ON 9 DECEMBER FOR
DAKAR.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION ON EL ABASSI'S VISIT
TO BAMAKO WITH SECURITY SERVICES CHIEF AND MEMBER OF THE MCNL
CAPT TIECORO BAGAYOKO, ON 14 DEC. EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT
EMBASSY VERY INTERESTED THIS SUBJECT SINCE A PLO OFFICE IN BAMAKO
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY POSE A SECURITY THREAT TO EMBASSY AND ITS
PERSONNEL. BAGAYOKO STATED THAT IN SPITE OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT PLO WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPEN AN OFFICE
IN MALI. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY.
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